

(Draft Minutes)
MINUTES OF THE
NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENTAL
QUALITY APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE
Tuesday, June 19, 2018 • 1:15 p.m. • 210 Senate Building

Members Present:

Sen. David P. Hinkins, Senate Chair
Rep. Stewart E. Barlow, House Chair
Rep. Scott H. Chew, House Vice Chair
Sen. Don L. Ipson
Sen. Evan J. Vickers
Rep. Carl R. Albrecht
Rep. Kay J. Christofferson
Rep. Susan Duckworth
Rep. Stephen G. Handy
Rep. Karen Kwan
Rep. Michael E. Noel
Rep. Lee B. Perry

Rep. Douglas V. Sagers
Rep. Keven J. Stratton
Rep. Christine F. Watkins

Members Absent:

Sen. Jim Dabakis
Sen. Keith Grover
Sen. Peter C. Knudson
Sen. Ralph Okerlund

Staff Present:

Mr. Alexander R. Wilson, Fiscal Analyst
Ms. Katiemarie Harmon, Committee Secretary

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

Chair Hinkins called the meeting to order at 1:29 p.m.

1 . In-Depth Follow-up of the Projections of Utah's Water Needs

Mr. Darin Underwood, Deputy Director, Office of the Legislative Auditor General, introduced, "In-Depth Follow-up of the Projections of Utah's Water Needs."

[1-In-depth Follow-up of Projections of Utah's Water Needs](#)

Ms. Rachel Shilton, River Basin Planning Section Manager, Utah Division of Water Resources, reported on audit recommendations.

Rep. Sagers asked a question about water metering.

Mr. Todd Adams, Deputy Director, Division of Water Resources, responded to questions.

Rep. Perry commented on a new bill for secondary water.

2 . In-Depth Follow-up of the Division of Drinking Water's Minimum Source Sizing

Mr. Underwood introduced the agenda item.

Mr. Jim Behunin, Audit Supervisor, Office of the Legislative Auditor General, presented, "Minimum Source Sizing Requirements Audit Follow Up."

[2.1-Minimum Source Sizing Requirements Audit Follow-up](#)

Rep. Handy asked a question about the water providers.

Rep. Sagers asked a question about unaccounted water.

Rep. Stratton asked about H.B. 303, "Drinking Water Source Sizing Requirements" (2018 General Session).

Mr. Adams responded to questions.

Rep. Christofferson asked a question about water usage.

Rep. Noel asked a question about depletion numbers.

Rep. Albrecht commented on the overuse of water.

Rep. Kwan asked a question about the data provided.

Ms. Marie Owens, Director, Utah Division of Drinking Water, presented "H.B. 303 Drinking Water Source Sizing Requirements."

[2.2-H.B. 303 Drinking Water Source Sizing Requirements](#)

[2.3-Division of Drinking Water Handout](#)

Rep. Handy asked a question about the smaller systems.

Sen. Hinkins asked a question about the bill.

Rep. Duckworth asked a question about the penalization.

Rep. Christofferson asked a question about establishing standards for the data.

Ms. Owens continued her presentation.

Rep. Albrecht asked a question about the standard loss number.

Rep. Kwan asked a question about how the water systems count people.

Rep. Sagers made a comment on Tooele City's and the State's well water.

Rep. Duckworth commented that it is the users that will help make the difference.

3 . Practical Application and Effectiveness of DEQ Research

Mr. Alex Wilson, Fiscal Analyst, LFA, introduced the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) research.

[3.3-Research LFA Review](#)

[3.4-Research LFA Review Data](#)

Mr. Alan Matheson, Executive Director, DEQ, presented, "Science for Solutions."

[3.1-Science for Solutions](#)

[3.2-Research Project Results](#)

Rep. Handy asked a question about the researchers that had been hired from the appropriations.

4 . Utah's Ability to Access Newest Air Quality Technology

Mr. Wilson introduced, "Utah's Ability to Access Newest Air Quality Technology."

Mr. Bryce Bird, Director, Division of Air Quality, DEQ, presented, "Utah's Ability to Access Newest Air Quality Technology."

5 . What Projects can be funded with the Volkswagen Settlement

Mr. Wilson introduced, "Volkswagon Settlement."

Mr. Matheson presented, "Volkswagon Environmental Mitigation Fund."

[5-Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Funding](#)

Sen. Hinkins asked a question about the legislators on the advisory board.

Rep. Albrecht commented on a news release from the Governor about this topic.

Rep. Handy commented on the appropriation for school buses.

Sen. Hinkins asked a question about Utah profiting from coal ash.

MOTION: Rep. Chew moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 7 .

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Nays-0

Absent-7

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Chair Hinkins adjourned the meeting at 3:33 p.m.